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In re application of
Kesayoshi Iguchi et al
Application No. 09/488,527
Filed: January 21, 2000
For: METHOD OF PROCESSING
CUSTOMER'S ORDERS AND
A CUSTOMER'S ORDER
PROCESSING APPARATUS

DECISION ON PETITION
TO RESET A PERIOD
FOR REPLY


This is in reply to the Petition to Reset a Period for Reply Due to Late Receipt of an Office action, received in the Patent and Trademark Office on January 16, 2003. There is no fee required for this petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

In accordance with MPEP 710.06, the Office will grant a petition to reset the period for reply when the following criteria are met: (A) the petition is filed within 2 weeks of the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address; (B) a substantial portion of the set reply period had elapsed on the date of receipt (e.g. at least 1 month of a 2- or 3- month reply period had elapsed); and (C) the petition includes (1) evidence showing the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address, and (2) a statement setting forth the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address and explaining how the evidence being presented establishes the date of receipt.

A review of the file record reveals that an Office action was mailed to the address of record on December 10, 2002. Applicant has provided a copy of the Office action bearing a stamped date of receipt of January 11, 2003. This is sufficient evidence to show that the Office action was not actually received until January 11, 2003. Applicant's petition meets all of the remaining elements (A)-(C) outlined above. Therefore, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner to reset the period for reply to the Office action to run 2 months from the Office action receipt date of January 11, 2003.



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